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# SPIDER-BOY



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# BIG TROUBLE!

Because YOU demanded it! A new comic featuring the AWESOME ARACH-KID in:

SPLAT!

ME WANT TO BE LIKE YOU, SPIDER-BOY!

BUT THERE AM ONLY ONE SPIDER-BOY!

SO STOP FIGHTING SO BIZARNAGE WILL KILL YOU!

Y'KNOW-- YOU JUST CAN'T ARGUE WITH LOGIC LIKE THAT!

AND HERE I WAS PROTECTING THE GENETIC RESEARCH FACILITIES OF PROTECT CAPMUS FROM A DERANGED D.N. ALIEN BENT ON DEATH AND DESTRUCTION!\*

GO FIGURE!

A new era of ARACHNID ACTION brought to you by...

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YOU AM OING NOWHERE, SPIDER-BOY--

YOU GOTTA HAVE ME CROSSED WITH THAT WACKY CASTLE GUY, BIZ!

HUHR--??

**SHIMP!**

ME-- I'M TOO YOUNG TO HAVE A DEATHWISH!

SEE-- SOMEDAY PEOPLE 'LL THINK OF THESE AS THE ADVENTURES OF SPIDER-MAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY! YOU HEARSE ME NOW, AND--

--AND MY MERCHANDISING 'LL GO THROUGH THE ROOF ACTUALLY!

UM, OKAY-- BAD EXAMPLE! BUT YOU GET THE IDEA!

--EXCEPT GOING TO DIE!

**THAP!**

NO-- ME GET DIRECTOR HARPER!

ME BIZARNAGIZE HIM! ME BECOME CADMUZZ BIG BOSS!

TOM--!

SPIDER-BOY NOT DO WHAT I NOT WANT THEN!

WHOA! WAIT! HOLD IT-- I'LL NOT DO WHAT YOU NOT WANT RIGHT NOW, BIZARNAGE!

UH, I MEAN-- COME AND GET ME! I'LL WAIT RIGHT HERE!

OH-- AND SORRY ABOUT THAT "DERANGED P.M. ALIEN" STUFF. I WAS KINDA STRESSED OUT...

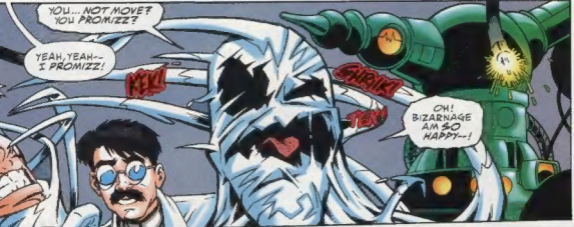
-EMME AT 'IM, REED! I'LL CLOBBER THAT CRUSTY CREEP!

WAIT, ROCKY! LET'S BEE WHAT SORT OF WEB 'THE BOY'S WEAVINGS...

**SHIMP!**  
**KEKY**  
**KRIKI**

NO, SPIDER-BOY! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!





YOU... NOT MOVE YOU PROMIZZ?

YEAH, YEAH-- I PROMIZZ!

OH! BIZARNAGE AM SO HAPPY--!



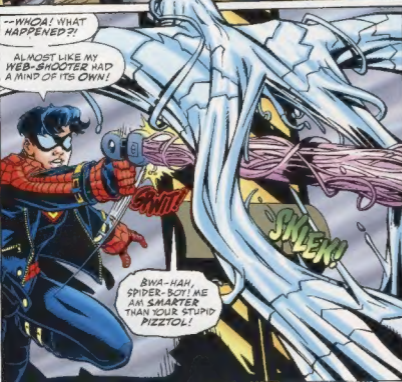
--SO HAPPY ME COULD KILL YOU!

uhhg--!

COULDN'T REALLY DO MUCH TO THAT SNAP-CRACKLE SYMBIOTE WHILE HE HAD JOHNNY STORM "BIZARNAGIZED"...

...I MEAN, RED'S ALWAYS GETTING INTO HOT WATER AROUND HERE, BUT HE DOESN'T DESERVE TO DIE!

MAIMED, MAYBE, BUT--



--WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED?!

ALMOST LIKE MY WEB-SHOOTER HAD A MIND OF ITS OWN!

BWA-HAH, SPIDER-BOY! HE AM SMARTER THAN YOUR STUPID PIZZTOL!



Y'KNOW, I WOULDN'T BETON THAT...

SPOK!

GAH!



... SEEING THAT IT FIGURED OUT HOW TO OPEN THE DOOR I WAS SITTING ON!

AND WHAT'S BEHIND THAT DOOR FOR OUR FAVORITE ALBINO ABOMINATION?

THAT'S HIS VERY OWN ENERGY CONTAINMENT CELL!

NO!  
NO!  
NO!



YES!

YES!

YES!

WELCOME TO THE PREMIERE OF WBIZ-- THE ALL-SYMBIOTE CHANNEL! AND HEEERE'S BIZARNAGE!

WHOA! TALK ABOUT SCARY-- VIDEO REALLY DOES PUT TEN POUNDS ON YOU!



RED-- YOU CRAZY HOTHEAD! YOU OKAY?

M--MY CHEST...

COULD BE CORONARY STRESS FROM THE SYMBIOSIS!

DABNEY-- GET A MOBILE-MED DOWN HERE RIGHT--



HUN? I WAS JUST CHECKIN' ON MY MINIATURE JOHNNY STORMTROOPER CLONE, PROF!

WE'RE BOTH OKAY-- SEE?

SO THAT TRIP TO THE PHANTOM NEGATIVE ZONE'S STILL A GO, RIGHT?

WE'LL... TALK ABOUT THAT LATER, JOHNNY!

SPIDER-BOY! ANOTHER CRISIS WELL-CONTAINED!

I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW THAT CREATURE ESCAPED FROM THE MENAGERIE!

WELL, I GOT A FEW IDEAS, REED--AN' THEY'RE ALL NAMED DABNEY DONOVAN!

LEGGO'A ME, TOM! THIS WACKO'S BEHIND ALL OUR LATEST SNAFUS--I CAN SMELL IT!

THEN PERHAPS YOU NEED A COLD SHOWER, SENATOR GRIMM--OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I WAS WITH YOU ALL DAY?

NO ONE SUSPECTS IT WAS I WHO SET BIZARNAGE FREE!

BY THE TIME THEY REALIZE CADMUS'S OWN CHIEF SCIENTIST IS BEHIND THE SABOTAGE, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!

TOO LATE FOR ANY OF THEM!

AHH...YER RIGHT, TOM! WITH OUR FUNDIN' ON THE LINE, GUESS I JUST BEEN A LITTLE THIN-SKINNED LATELY...

--AIRTIGHT ALIB, BEN!

THE EXPERIMENT PROCEEDS APACE. IT IS FASCINATING TO OBSERVE THE EFFECTS...

...OF THE EVIL D.N.A. THAT I'VE BEEN SECRETLY ADDING TO PROFESSOR RICHARDS'S DIET!

IT WILL BE EQUALLY INTERESTING TO SEE HOW SOON RICHARDS IS REPLACED BY HIS LOGICAL SUCCESSOR... MYSELF!

HEADS UP, PEOPLE!

AW, G'MON! DON'T WE EVEN GET A COFFEE BREAK AROUND HERE?



SUZIE! WHAT HAPPENED, ACE?

KING LIZARD!

BROKE OUT WHEN BIZARNAGE SHORTED THE POWER GRID!

TORE THROUGH DOC CONNORS, ME, AND PYM'S PARTICLE ACCELERATOR!

DISAPPEARED INTO THE UNDERGROUND RIVER... MUST BE HALFWAY TO NEW YORK BY NOW!



SUSAN! IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO YOU--!

THANKS, REED-- BUT IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A FEW CUTS AND BRUISES TO STOP SUE STORM, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.!



THIS IS ALL MY FAULT...

WHAT? 'CAUSE YOUR SEVERED ARM WAS MYSTERIOUSLY COMBINED WITH REPTILE D.N.A. AND GROWN INTO THE CANNIBAL CROC CALLED KING LIZARD?

YOU DIDN'T HAVE A HAND IN THAT, DOC!

ER... SO TO SPEAK!



WELL, THAT OVERGROWN IGUANA WON'T GET FAR!

I DON'T CARE IF IT TAKES THE CHALLENGERS OF THE FANTASTIC AND HALF THE ARMY!

ALL STATIONS --RED ALERT!

WHOA, SGT. ROCKY! ISN'T CADMUS A SECRET FACILITY?

LIKE, OH... ME?

SO SHOULDN'T WE TRY SOMETHING A BIT MORE SUBTLE THAN ALL-OUT WAR?



ALL RIGHT, YOU MALL-CRAWLING WALL-CRAWLER... YOU'VE GOT TWO HOURS-- THEN I CALL MY BOSS, BRUCE WAYNE, AND S.H.I.E.L.D. TAKES OVER!

JUST MAKE SURE YOU CALL COLLECT!

ALL THESE DISASTERS HAVE PUT CADMUS WAY OVER BUDGET!



SPIDER-BOY, I THOUGHT THAT SOUNDED LIKE YOU!

HAVE YOU HAD ANY CHANCE TO STUDY MY WHITE DWARF STAR DEVICE, YET?

OH-- DR. PALMER! YEAH, I, UH... KINDA DID!

I MEAN, I GOT SORTA ACCIDENTALLY SHRUNK TO SUB-ATOMIC SIZE BY IT?

BUT THEN I SAVED PRINCESS SHATTERSTAR-FIRE AND GOT US BOTH TO TERRA FIRMA, SO EVERYTHING'S COOL!\*

\* IN THE NOW-IMMORTAL OUTRAGEOUS SPIDER-BOY #308-- "TIMELINE" TOM.

YEAH, AND I STILL GOT FIVE MINUTES JUST GETTIN' MY RIPE--

HUH?!



CHKI!

CHKI!

TAKE THEM!

HER HIGHNESS WAS SO GRATEFUL, SHE SAID SHE'D NEVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN, BUT--



BUT DID ANYTHING HAPPEN TO MY MACHINE? NANO-TECH--

--IS THE HOBGOBLIN OF SMALL MINDS, RAY! I KEEP TELLING YOU--THE FUTURE'S MACRO, NOT MICRO!

LISTEN TO YOUR OLD PAL, HANK PYM-- I USED TO THINK SMALL LIKE YOU, BUT NOW I THINK BIG AND--



Y'KNOW, I WISH I COULD ARGUE THE PHILOSOPHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF QUANTUM THEORY ALL DAY, DR. PYM... DR. PALMER...

... BUT IF I DON'T BOOK-- NEW YORK'S DUSTED!

AGAIN?!



ZOOMWAY'S CLEARED

FANTASTI-WAGON'S ENGINES TO POWER... TURBINES TO SPEED...





TOO COOL! WHAT-- YOU'RE OTTO OCTAVIUS, BRILLIANT INVENTOR AND MINDREADER, NOW?

I MERELY HEARD GRIMM'S ALERT. SIMPLE PROBABILITY INDICATED YOU... MIGHT NEED THE CAR.

MY ANIMA-TENTACLES REDUCED PREP TO 2.17 MINUTES.

YOU GOTTA USE THOSE THINGS FOR MORE THAN JUST RESEARCH, DOC!

SIGN ON AS MY SIDEKICK! I CAN SEE THE HEADLINES NOW-- "DOC OCK-- THE REALLY LONG ARM OF THE LAW!"



VERY CATCHY... LIKE A DISEASE! I'D ALMOST THINK YOU DID WORK AT THE DAILY BUGLE!

HAVE YOU SEEN JAMESON'S LATEST ATTEMPT TO CASH IN ON YOUR POPULARITY?



DAILY BUGLE

INSECT QUEEN HAS SPIDER-BOY'S LOVE CHILD!

J. JONAH JAMESON

X-PATROL SIGHTED!

LOVE NEST?



IT'S NEARLY AS BAD AS "SPARKS FLY BETWEEN SPIDER-BOY AND AMAZON!"

ALTHOUGH THAT MONTH-LONG THUNDER-STORM OVER THE BUGLE BUILDING WAS EXTREMELY SATISFYING!

ALL OF WHICH REMINDS ME-- TONIGHT'S YOUR BLIND DATE, REMEMBER? DAUGHTER OF MY FRIEND'S FRIEND... EIGHT O'CLOCK... YOUR PLACE!

OH, WELL... I MIGHT BE OUT, Y'KNOW, SAVIN' THE WORLD? BUT OTHERWISE I...

... CAN'T WAIT...




WOOO

BOOM!

MAN, WHY COULDN'T OCK BE ONE OF MY ARCH-ENEMIES? THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THINGS LIKE THIS!

'COURSE, THE DOC'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME, EVER SINCE... WHAT HAPPENED TO UNCLE GEN...



"...A.K.A. GENERAL  
"THUNDERBOLT"  
ROSS-- THE LAST  
OFFICIAL SURVIVING  
WITNESS OF THE  
ORIGINAL SUPER-  
SOLDIER EXPERIMENT."

--CADMUS WILL FUL-  
FILL ITS MISSION TO RE-  
CREATE SUPER-SOLDIER  
ONE WAY OR  
ANOTHER!

I'LL LIVE  
TO SEE IT,  
GENTLEMEN  
--OR DIE  
TRYING!

NOW, OCTAVIUS'S  
PROTEGE PARKER  
HERE, HAS AN  
IDEA...

...TO CREATE A CLONE  
WITH THE GENETIC ABILITY TO  
MANIPULATE GRAVITY!

IT'S RADICAL, UNTESTED,  
AND THE CLOSEST WE MIGHT  
EVER COME TO THE  
SOLDIER!

IT FEELS RIGHT TO  
ME, GENTLEMEN, AND  
I'M WARNING YOU-- I  
FIGHT FOR WHAT'S  
RIGHT!

"THAT BULLDOG ACTUALLY CON-  
VINCED THOSE BIG BRAINS TO  
GREEN LIGHT A COLLEGE INTERN'S  
PSYCHO SCHEME!

"EVEN THEN--CHIEF  
SCIENTIST  
VICTOR VON DOOM  
WENT ALONG...

"... AND THIS WAS  
BEFORE HE  
BECAME DR.  
DOOMSDAY AND  
LOST HIS MARBLES!

"...COURSE, GUESS THAT'S  
BETTER THAN LOSIN' YOUR  
LIFE..."

"... WHICH IS WHAT PETER  
PARKER DID ABOUT HALF-  
WAY THROUGH THE  
EXPERIMENT!

"A MYSTERIOUS POWER-  
SURGE FRIED HIM..."

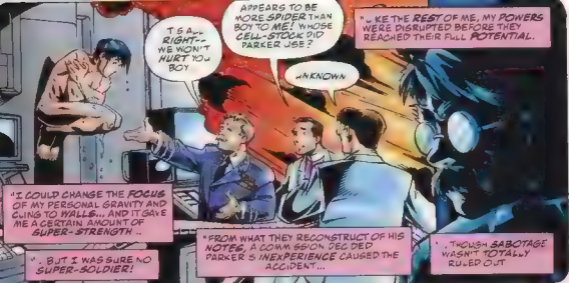
"... WIPED MOST OF  
THE OPERATION:  
RE-BIRTH FILES..."

**FEKOOM!**

"... AND WOKE ME UP LIKE  
SOMETHIN' BIT ME!"

**AAGH!**

**KEESHH!**



"IT'S ALL RIGHT-- WE WON'T HURT YOU BOY"

APPEARS TO BE MORE SPIDER THAN BOY TO ME! WHOSE CELL-STOCK DID PARKER USE?

UNKNOWN

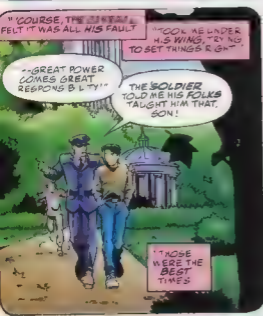
"... KE THE REST OF ME, MY POWERS WERE DISRUPTED BEFORE THEY REACHED THEIR FULL POTENTIAL."

"I COULD CHANGE THE FOCUS OF MY PERSONAL GRAVITY AND CLING TO WALLS... AND IT GAVE ME A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SUPER-STRENGTH..."

"... BUT I WAS SURE NO SUPER-SOLDIER!"

"FROM WHAT THEY RECONSTRUCT OF HIS NOTES, A COMM'ERCE MAN DECIDED PARKER'S INEXPERIENCE CAUSED THE ACCIDENT..."

"... THOUGH SABOTAGE WASN'T TOTALLY RULED OUT"



"... COURSE, THE INITIAL FELT IT WAS ALL HIS FAULT"

"TOOK ME UNDER HIS WING, TRYING TO SET THINGS RIGHT"

"--GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY--"

THE SOLDIER TOLD ME HIS FOLKS TAUGHT HIM THAT, SON!

"THOSE WERE THE BEST TIMES"



"... BUT THEY CRASHED AND BURNED WHEN A TWO-BIT BURGLAR KILLED JINCLE GEN!"

"HE THOUGHT A GROWN MAN'D GIVE HIM MORE TROUBLE THAN SOME KID."

"BIG MISTAKE!"



"THAT'S WHEN I KNEW I HAD TO MAKE SURE I WAS NEVER JUST A KID WHO GOT IGNORED WHILE OTHER PEOPLE GOT HURT!"

"THAT'S WHEN I MADE THE COSTUME... GOT ON TV"

"... AND THAT'S WHEN I REALLY LEARNED WHAT JINCLE GEN SAID WAS TOTALLY SOLID! WITH GREAT POWER DOES COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY..."

"AND WAY TOO MUCH FUN!"

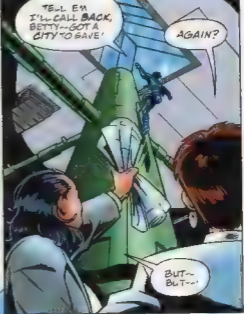


WHOA! HOME ALREADY?  
GOOD THING THAT UNDERGROUND HIGHWAY ONLY GOES HERE, OR I'D SPACE OUT HALF-WAY TO KA-ZAR'S SKARTARIS!

WI-LA LOOK AT THAT, MS. BRANT--AT LONG LAST, THE RETURN'A THE PROFITABLE SON!

GOT YER ACTION FIGURE CONTRACTS RIGHT HERE, KID!

JLA CALLED. CONAN CALLED... WINONA CALLED..



TE-L EM I'LL CALL BACK, BETTY--GOT A CITY TO SAVE!

AGAIN?

BUT-- BUT--



20 DEGREES POWER LEVEL 4 QUADRANT 3-C

HEY; HFF; K D. THIS-- HFF! THIS HEADLINE--!

YOU SUNK MY BATTLESHIP.

LISTEN, COMPUTO --LEAVE THE HUMOR TO THE PROFESSIONALS AND JUST REPOSITION THE WEB-SLINGER, 'KAY?



WHAT HEADLINE, REX? THE INSECT QUEEN THING?

EXACTAMONDO! COULD BE TROUBLE, KID! COULD BE A P.R. NIGHTMARE!

COULD BE A MOVIE 'A THE WEEK, TOO--BUT I GOT THAT COVERED!

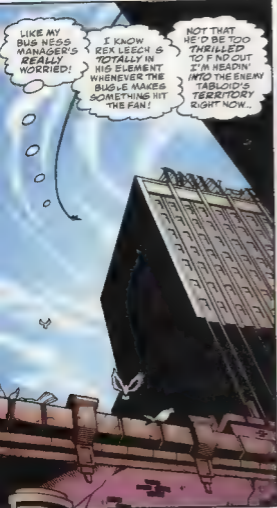
SO TELL ME--YA DON'T KNOW HER? SHE DON'T EVEN EXIST? WHAT'S UP?



RIGHT NOW--

SPONING!

--ME!



LIKE MY BUSINESS MANAGER'S REALLY WORRIED!

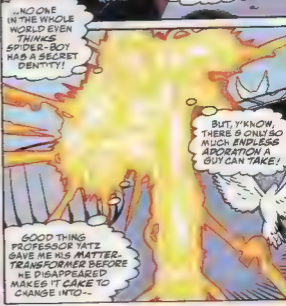
I KNOW REX LEECH IS TOTALLY IN HIS ELEMENT WHENEVER THE BUS-LE MAKES SOMETHING HIT THE FAN!

NOT THAT HE'D BE TOO THRILLED TO FIND OUT I'M HEADIN' INTO THE ENEMY TABLOID'S TERRITORY RIGHT NOW...



BUT MY BEST BET ON GETTING A LEAD ON KING LIZARD IS TO HANG IN THAT NEFARIOUS NEWSROOM!

'COURSE, NO ONE'LL KNOW IT'S ME...



..NO ONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD EVEN THINKS SPIDER-BOY HAS A SECRET IDENTITY!

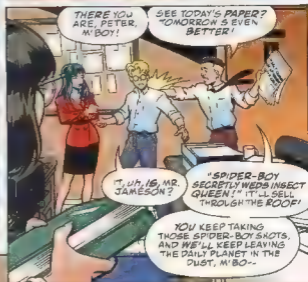
BUT, Y'KNOW, THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH ENDLESS ADORATION A GUY CAN TAKE!

GOOD THING PROFESSOR YATZ GAVE ME HIS MATTER-TURNFORMER BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED MAKES IT EASIER TO CHANGE INTO--



--PETE!

HEY-- PETE ROSS!





♪ SPIDER-BOY, ♪  
SPIDER-BOY,  
HAS THE VERY BEST  
ACTION TOYS!

TOP TEN SHOW,  
GAMES AND VID  
GOTTA LOVE THE  
ARACH-K D!



WHO?!  
THEY'RE  
DEFINITELY  
SINGIN' MY  
SONGS!

RAHHH!  
MY FIRSST  
TASSSTE OF  
FREEDOM!

HELP!  
GET HELP!

CAME  
OUTTA THE  
RIVER!

TOUGH  
AS A  
TANK!

CAN'T  
STOP!



SSSP DER-BOY

C'MON, KING!  
YOU KNOW WHAT  
THE DOCS SA'D ABOUT  
BETWEEN-MEAL  
SNACKS!

AND IT LOOKS  
LIKE THEY WERE RIGHT!  
PUT ON A FEW POUNDS,  
HAVEN'T YOU?

**WROK!**



RREYHH!

WHAT'S THE STORY--GOING FROM KING LIZARD TO LOUNGE LIZARD?

DON'T TELL ME YOU GOT A WHITE SEQUINED SUIT AND A BOOKING IN VEGAS?

I'M A WARNING YOU, PAL--THOSE AUDIENCES'LL EAT YOU ALI--



THWAP!

--UGH!

NO--BUT I WILL FEASST ON YOUR BO--



V-DOOM!

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V-DOOM!  
V-DOOM!

--NNEH?

UHF!



V-DOOM!

V-DOOM!

YOU GOT T, SAM! THIS TIME O... "FIN FANG'S" DOOMED!

NEW YORK SPECIAL CRIMES UNIT, MONSTER! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

THOMPSON, LEECH, BARNES-- KEEP HIM AWAY FROM THE KID, AND KEEP AT HIM TILL HE COLLAPSES!

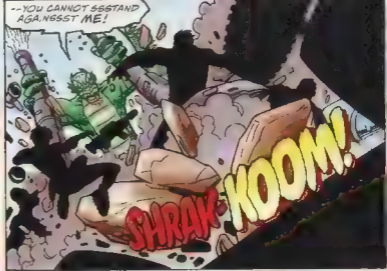
V-DOOM!





ANNOUNCING HJMANSSS--

KRRUNNKK!



--YOU CANNOT SSSSTAND AGA.NGSSST ME!

SHRAX-KOOOM!



YERRH?

WHO'D WANT TO, KING? I MEAN, HAS ANYONE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT PERSONAL HYGIENE?

FLOSSING WOULD BE A GOOD START-- I CAN STILL SEE SOME BREAKFAST STUJCK BETWEEN YOUR TEETH!

OH-- AND THERE'S SOMETHING IN YOUR EYE!



I SSSNAP YOUR WEBBING JUSSST LIKE I'LL SSSNAP YOU, SSSPIDER-BOY!

OOOH! I'M SCARED! I'M RUNNING AWAY! LOOK-- HERE I GO!

YOU CANNOT ESSSCAPE ME!



MMGH! THANKS, ROXY-- BUT NO SCALY ADOLPH'S GONNA STOP "BROOKLYN" BARNES!

DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT, SARGE! AIN'T LIKE YOU'RE STILL ONE'A WWII'S YOUNG COMMANDOS, Y'KNOW?



CAPTAIN MAKOA-- I'M SURE THOSE TWO METAS ARE WORKING TOGETHER!

SPARE ME YOUR LATEST SPIDER-BOY CONSPIRACY "FLASH" THOMPSON!

IF IT EVEN COMES CLOSE TO MAKING SENSE, I'D JUST HOP THE NEXT PLANE BACK TO HAWAII...!



I WILL SQUASH YOU, SPIDER-BOY! SSS WALLOW YOU WHOLE!

BOOM!

SPIN!

FOR ONCE I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SO HUNGRY, KING!

I MEAN-- YOU'RE A GROWING BOY! AND GROWING FAST, I MIGHT ADD!

THIS IS KIND OF A NEW LOOK FOR YOU, ISN'T IT?

AND NEW YORK'LL HAVE A NEW LOOK IF I DON'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S MAKIN THE KING LIVE LARGE, HERE

PYM'S THE "BIG" MAN AT CAPMUS -- BUT I CAN'T EXACTLY CALL HIM NTO CONSULT RIGHT--



D'OH!

Y'KNOW-- THERE'S A REASON I NEVER EARNED MY J.L.A JR DETECTIVE MERIT BADGE



SLE STORM SAID HE TORE RIGHT THROUGH PYM'S PARTICLE ACCELERATOR.

AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMETHING'S EXPOSED TO THOSE PESKY PYM PARTICLES?

BIG TROUBLE!



LUCKILY, I GOT JUST WHAT I NEED RIGHT HERE ..

SOMEWHERE

LET'S SEE -- PHANTOM-NEGATIVE ZONE PROTECTOR INVISIBLE FORCE-FIELD BELT MOTHER CUBE



YES!

NOTHIN' LIKE DOC PALMER'S WHITE DWARF PROTOTYPE TO BR NG THAT RAMPAGIN' REPTILE DOWN TO--



--SIZE--?

**SKRAASH!**

CRUSH YOU, SPIDER BOY!



I'D GIVE YOU A BIG HAND FOR THAT DESTRUCTIVELY DRAMAT C ENTRANCE, KING-- BUT I DON'T THINK YOU NEED IT!

ON THE OTHER HAND-- SO TO SPEAK-- YOU HAMMERED THE WH TE DWARF G.ZMO!

CONTAINMENT FIELD'S RUPTURED. GOT NO IDEA WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN T REACHER CRITICA. MASS..

**WAKKLEZ-TZIT!**



...AND DON'T REALLY WANNA FIND OUT!

GOTTA GET IT JP, LP AND AWAY FROM HERE-- FAST!

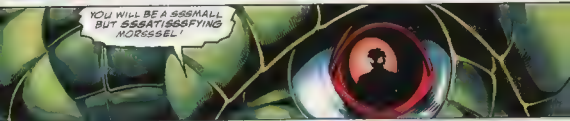
SOMEPLACE WHERE IT WON'T HURT ANYONE--!



YOU ARE NOT  
SSSAFE FROM ME  
ON THE ROOF,  
SSSPIDER-BOY!



THERE ISSS  
NOWHERE  
ELSSSE TO  
RUN!



YOU WILL BE A SSSMALL  
BUT SSSATISSFYING  
MORSSSEL!

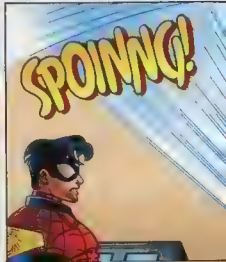


WELL... IT IS GONNA BE  
OVER FOR ONE OF JS REAL  
SOON-- BUT DON'T WORRY,  
KING, YOU'LL GET A  
LAST MEAL!

SAY  
HI TO MY  
WEB-  
SLINGER...



... NOW SAY  
GOODBYE!





**ZZAT-ZIZZ-TKIZV!**



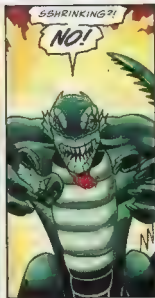
**VZUMPI!**

HUHR?!?



**GRAHHR!**

WHAT ISSS HAPPENING--?



SSHRINKING?!

**NO!**



MUSST FIGHT THIGGS!

MUSST SSSTOP IT!



CURSESS YOU, SSSPIDER BOY!

THIGGS ISSEN'T OVER! YOU WILL DIE BY MY HANDSSS-

SSSOREPAY--



**PAA!**

BIG TALK--

--FROM THE NEWEST RESIDENT OF THE SUB-ATOMIC UNIVERSE!



HMM... WONDER WHAT THE CHANCES ARE OF THE KING LANDING ON SHATTERSTARFIRE'S LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN?

'COURSE, THOSE TAMOJORAN BLUE-BLOODS'D DESERVE THAT!

OR ARE THEY GREEN-BLOODED?

WELL, MY FIRST WORRY'S WHAT TO TELL DOC PALMER...

"HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH YOUR PROTOTYPE, DOC: AS IN, IT'S NOW IN LITTLE PIECES!"



OH, THAT'LL GO OVER REAL BIG...

SPIDER-BOY! I HEARD SOME SORT OF EXPLOSION AS I ARRIVED! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

SURE, OCK-- JUST SAVED MANHATTAN AND TRASHED A ONE-OF-A-KIND INVENTION, THAT'S ALL!

AH! AGAIN!



WELL, THEY DON'T CALL ME THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-BOY FOR NOTHING, Y'KNOW!

I GOTTA PAY 'EM!

SAVE YOUR WITTICISMS, MY BOY-- YOU DON'T NEED TO IMPRESS ME!



YEAH? THEN WHO DO I--?

OH, NO! I KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE, NOW! YOU'RE HERE TO, UM... TO TELL ME I'M JUST A CLONE, RIGHT?

PLEASE TELL ME THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE!

OF COURSE YOU'RE A CLONE! BUT I WANT YOU TO MEET SOMEONE I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE A LOT IN COMMON WITH!

SPIDER-BOY, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MARY JANE WATSON--



--ALSO  
KNOWN AS  
**INSECT  
QUEEN!**

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SPIDER--YOU  
JUST HIT THE  
JACKPOT!

**NEED WE SAY IT?  
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# AMALGAM NATION

## CARWALD'S CORNERBOX

Greetings, Amalgamianiacs! This is the month it happens—where the Amalgam Universe built wide open and we launch twelve (count 'em—twelve) new titles featuring some of your favorite Amalgamated superstars in their own titles at last! This is a comic book counterrevolution and you, sensation-seekers, are getting in on ground zero!

We could heap on more hype, but instead we'd like to shift gears a moment and talk about something truly important in the cosmic scheme—namely, brotherhood. Friends, go out and make an effort to get along with someone whose ethnicity, religion, political affiliation, or comic book preference is unlike your own. After all, we're all passengers on the same planet going 'round, and when it gets down to it, everybody wants the same basic things out of life. So let's each do our part to make the ride go a bit smoother. Says I!

Now, with that off our chest, we want to remind you, the second wave of the Amalgam Era of Comics is now upon us! And it wouldn't be happening if you mighty Amalgamites didn't demand it. Accelerate!

—M.M. CARWALD



**SPEED DEMON #1:** Blaze Allen tears up with his nephew Wally in a race against time and Hell itself to snatch the soul of the Green Goblin. If they fail, the Night Spectre wins the keys to the nether-realm! By Howard Mackie, James Felder, Salvador Larrocca, and Al Milgrom!

**LEGEND OF THE DARKCLAW #1:** The adamantium-clawed nocturnal protector of New Gotham is joined by Sparrow, his spunky protégé, in his war against the feral and psychotic Hyena! By Larry Hama, Jim Balent, and Ray McCarthy.



**BRUCE WAYNE, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. #1:** Driven by the murder of his parents, a grim multimillionaire focuses his rage by forging Amalgam's premier espionage strike force! Now Wayne and his agents have to save the East Coast from the depredations of the Green Skull! By Chuck Dixon and Cary Nord!



**X-PATROL #1:** Ferro-Man! Elast-Girl! Dial H.U.S.K.I. Niles Cable! Shatterstar! Beasting! Six outsiders unite for the first time to face the dreaded demot known as Doctor Doomday! By Karl Kesel, Barbara Kesel, Roger Cruz, and Jon Holdridge!

**JLX #1:** They're outlaws hated by the world they've sworn to protect—and hounded by the avenging heroes of the JLA. Even if they survive the awesome assault of Amalgam's mightiest heroes, they must still face the discovery that a member of their squad is not what he appears to be! By Mark Waid, Gerard Jones, Howard Porter, and John Dell!



**SPIDER-BOY #1:** He's the world-famous web-slinging superstar, he can stick to walls, and his crash pad is the Baxter Building—not bad for a tenaged punk! Now two obstacles loom in the path of the amazing archkid—Blitzkrieg and King Lizard! By Karl Kesel and Mike Wieringo!



**BULLETS & BRACELETS #1:** Years ago an unlikely romantic interlude between Trevor Castle and Diana of Themyscira produced a child. Now this punishing man and wonderful woman must unite once more to save their son from Thanosid! By John DeRudder, Gary Frank, and Cam Smith!



**AMAZON #1:** Reared on the island of Themyscira, weather-wielding mutant Ororo Munroe battles the vry gods of legend she has been taught to worship! By John Byrne and Terry Austin!



**DOCTOR STRANGEFATE #1:** Amalgam's Supreme Lord of Order, Doctor Strangefate, will do anything to preserve the Amalgam Universe—even kill the strange new hero Access! By Ron Frenz, Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez, and Kevin Nowlan!



**MAGNETO & THE MAGNETIC MEN #1:** Erik Magnus watched in horror as his comrades were slaughtered. Now utilizing the technology that his mutant-hating brother used to create the Sentinels, Magnus constructs live robots, each formed from a different metal, to protect his fellow Homo Superior. Mark Waid, Gerard Jones, Jeff Matsuda, and Art Thibert!

**ASSASSINS #1:** Dare and Catsoi—two of Amalgam's deadliest femmes fatales—must negotiate the deathtraps of Arkham Tower to assassinate the mayor! By D.G. Chichester and Scott McDaniel!



**SUPER-SOLDIER #1:** Transformed by an experimental infusion of alien DNA, a mere mortal became the greatest fighting machine of World War II. Revived in modern times, the living legend must battle the Green Skull and Hydra while defending truth, justice, and the American way. By Mark Waid and Dave Gibbons!



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